

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21, 41, 62, 66, 68, 94, 96, 100, 101, 105, and 106 are amended by the instant supplemental preliminary amendment. Claims 28-36, 45-51, 72-74, and 81-83 are canceled without prejudice to filing continuation application(s) drawn thereto. Claims 115-135 have been added. Accordingly, claims 21-27, 37-44, 52-71, 75-80, and 84-135 are pending.

Claims 100 and 105 have been amended to remove the term serial communication hub controller.

Claims 21, 41, 66, and 68 have been amended to acknowledge antecedent basis for the term "power supply".

Claims 62, 94, 96, 101, and 106 have been amended to specify mated engagement between the module and the console. Support for these claim amendments may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 6, line 13.

New claims 115-134 have been added describing additional embodiments of the present invention. Specifically, new independent claims 115 and 135 relate to a computer system wherein one of the modules is configured to provide protection against the failure of another. Support for these new independent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 13, lines 14-18.

New independent claim 120 relates to a computer system wherein the modules comprise a graphics controller, and one module is configured to provide protection against the failure of another. Support for new independent claim 120 may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 13, lines 14-18, and page 11, line 29 - page 12, line 2.

New independent claim 125 relates to a computer system wherein the console comprises an Ethernet hub controller. Support for new independent claim 125 may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 7, lines 29-30.

New independent claim 130 relates to a computer system having a computer module comprising a graphics controller. Support for new independent claim 130 may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 11, line 29 - page 12, line 2.

New dependent claims 116, 121, 126, and 131 recite support of Giga-bit Ethernet communication. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 9, lines 23-26.

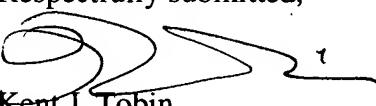
Newly added dependent claims 117, 122, 127, and 132 relate to the console comprising a shared peripheral system. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 7, line 23 - page 8, line 1.

Newly added dependent claims 118, 123, 128, and 133 relate to Ethernet communication between modules. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 10, lines 1-8.

Newly added dependent claims 119, 124, 129, and 134 relate to Ethernet communication through connectors. Support for these new dependent claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, at least at page 8, lines 2-9 and Figures 2-3.

Finally, claims 28-36, 45-51, 72-74, and 81-83 have been canceled without prejudice in order to allow the addition of the new claims, while maintaining the total number of pending claims substantially unchanged.

No new matter has been introduced into the application by virtue of these claim amendments. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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